GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:447
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2007
DOUBLING OF BROAD GAUGE RAILWAY LINES
Patil Shri Shriniwas Dadasaheb

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of broad gauge railway lines having only single track in the country,Zone-wise ;

(b) the steps taken by the Railways for doubling of these lines ;

(c) whether revenue generating sections would be given priority for doubling ;

(d) if so, whether private sector investment for doubling of lines would be sought on the lines of Golden Quadrilateral Project of Highways ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a)to(e) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED T O IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO(e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.447 BY SHRI SHRINIWAS DADASAHEB PATIL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 1.03.2007 REGARDING DOUBLING OF BROAD GAUGE RAILWAY LINES.

(a): The Zone-wise length of broad gauge railway lines (route kilometres) having only single track in the country as on 31.03.2006 (latest available) is given below:-

S.No. Name of Railway Zone Route Kilometres

1. Central 1437

2. Eastern 1176

3. East Central 1424

4. East Coast 1405

5. Northern 4889
6. North Central 1485

7 North Eastern 1481

8. Northeast Frontier 1730

9. North Western 2940
10. Southern 1932
11. South Central 3080
12. South Eastern 1313
13. South East Central 772

14. South Western 2541
15. Western 2857
16. West Central 1235

Total 31697

(b)&(c) Projects of doubling or construction of multiple lines are taken up on operational considerations when the carrying capacity of the existing lines is saturated.Doubling projects are being implemented as per the availability of resources keeping in view the operational priority and the requirement of traffic.

(d) There is no decision so far to seek private sector investment for golden quadrilateral through private public partnership.

(e) Does not arise.